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## STUDENT SENATE

S10RS

SGR No. 14

By: SENATOR BOURGEOIS

## A RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS THE UTMOST SUPPORT FOR LOUISIANA HOUSE BILL 160 WHICH PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM USING MOUNTED TRAFFIC CAMERAS TO ISSUE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, LOUISIANA HOUSE BILL 859 WHICH PROHIBITS TRAFFIC CAMERAS ON HIGHWAYS THAT RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDING, AND ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION SEEKING TO BAN OR RESTRICT THE USE OF CAMERA ENFORCEMENTS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TRAFFIC LAWS IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS; AND

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, STUDIES PERFORMED BY THE VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE URBAN TRANSIT INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE SHOW THAT CAMERAS DECREASE THE NUMBER OF SIDE COLLISIONS, YET INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REAR END COLLISIONS, CONCLUDING THAT IN SOME CASES CAMERAS HAVE A MODEST DECREASE IN COST TO SOCIETY, WHILE IN OTHER CASES AN INCREASE IN SOCIETAL COSTS; AND

**PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE AAA FOUNDATION FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY, INTERSECTION SAFETY CAN BE IMPROVED BY:

1. IMPLEMENTING AN ALL RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL
2. INCREASING YELLOW LIGHT TIME
3. MAKING TRAFFIC LIGHTS MORE VISIBLE
4. IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS OTHER SAFETY MEASURES
  - a. REPAINTING LINE MARKERS
  - b. BETTER SIGNAGE AROUND INTERSECTIONS
  - c. ADVANCED WARNING LIGHTS BEFORE INTERSECTIONS
  - d. BETTER REDLIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION

AND;

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE STRATEGIES, INTERSECTION CRASHES WERE DECREASED BY 47%, INJURIES WERE REDUCED BY 50%, AND RED LIGHT RUNNING WAS DECREASED BY 50%; AND

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, CAMERA EFFECTIVENESS IS DEBATABLE AND CITIZENS ALREADY PAY TAXES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, THE STATE OF LOUISIANA SHOULD NOT IMPLEMENT SAFETY PROGRAMS THAT CONFER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO CITIZENS WHEN THERE ARE OTHER EFFECTIVE METHODS OF INCREASING INTERSECTION SAFETY, AND;

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57 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, LOUISIANA HOUSE BILLS 160 AND 859 BY  
58 REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERY ARNOLD (D – DISTRICT 102) AIM TO  
59 SEVERELY RESTRICT THE USE OF CAMERA ENFORCEMENT  
60 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND;  
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62 **PARAGRAPH 7:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT  
63 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
64 AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE  
65 EXPRESSES THE UTMOST SUPPORT FOR REPRESENTATIVE  
66 JEFFERY ARNOLD’S HOUSE BILLS 160 AND 859 AS WELL AS ANY  
67 FUTURE LEGISLATION SEEKING TO BAN OR RESTRICT THE USE OF  
68 CAMERA ENFORCEMENTS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND  
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70 **PARAGRAPH 8:** THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A  
71 COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO  
72 REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERY ARNOLD AND ALL  
73 MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE.  
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75 **PARAGRAPH 9:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A  
76 MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND  
77 SIGNITURE BY THE PRESIDENT; UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR  
78 PRESIDENTIAL ACTION; OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
79 SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

**Approved:**

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**Tyler Martin**  
**Speaker of the Senate**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Stuart Watkins**  
**Student Body President**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_